## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

# MEMORANDUM of REASON

The Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston submits this Memorandum of Reason as a prerequisite to filing Motion, seeking the Courts permission to file Rebuttal Motion to Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union's Motion in Opposition to Plaintiff's Pro Se, Motion to Sanction for the following reasons:

Local Rule 1.3, Sanctions, imposes penalties for:

"Failure to comply with any directions or obligations set forth in, or authorized by, these Local Rules may result in dismissal, default, or the imposition of other sanctions as deemed appropriate by the judicial officer."

The Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union, has not cooperated with exchange of Disclosure (in accordance with L.R 26.2(A), Automatic Required Disclosure) with the Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston. The generous time allowed by the Court for the exchange of Disclosure had passed on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and Plaintiff had received nothing in exchange on or by the dead line set forth by Honorable Judge

Reginald C. Lindsay. The Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston has in good faith, attempted via certified mail to confer with the Defendant to resolve and coax the Defendant to timely Disclosure. The Pro Se Plaintiff, Richard Livingston has made numerous requests to the Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union, for cooperation in those letters.

In accordance with Local Rule, 7.1(a)(2), Motion Practice:

"No motion shall be filed unless counsel certify that they have conferred and have attempted in good faith to resolve or narrow the issue."

Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston, had contacted via phone at approximately 5:45 P.M. June 7, 2006 to the Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union, to inform them that Plaintiff was in receipt of a five (5) page document. The Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Unions, representative answered the phone and started by chastising, berating and demanding that the Plaintiff withdraw his Motion to Sanction or else Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union would seek sanctions against the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston, listen intently to the Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union's Attorney for approximately five (5) to Seven (7) minute when call waiting interrupted. The Plaintiff, Pro Se with polite decorum; manner; the ethical behavior past down from his parents informed the Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union's Attorney that Plaintiff had to take an important call regarding his ailing (Alzheimer) mother.

At this time, in spite of the fact that the Court has allowed an extension of time from April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to June 5, 2006, the Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston has received on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 untimely ten pounds of multiple copies of the same documents

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As a matter of justice, public policy; imbalance of powers; and considering the parties resources, the Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston's, Motion for Sanctions should be allowed to be filed with the Court along with Plaintiff Rebuttal Motion to Defendants

Motion in Opposition.

Date >

Richard Livingston, Rlaintiff, Pro Se

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Attachments: Supporting Doc. to Motion

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RE:

Richard Livingston v. MBTA Employees Credit Union

Civil Action No.: 05-CV-11349-RCL (U.S.D.C. Mass.)

Dear Mr. Livingston:

Enclosed is MBTA Employees Credit Union's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Sanction which was filed today by electronic mail.

Very truly yours,

Peter C. Netburn

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cc: Gary J. Kravetz, Esquire (with enclosure)

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

	)	
RICHARD LIVINGSTON,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	. )	
<b>v.</b>	)	C.A. No. 05-CV-11349-RCL
MBTA EMPLOYEES	)	
CREDIT UNION,	)	
Defendant.	)	

# MBTA EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SANCTION

MBTA Employees Credit Union (the "Credit Union") responds to Plaintiff's Motion for Sanction as follows<sup>1</sup>:

1. In support of his Motion, Plaintiff states that:

The Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union has failed to comply with the directive and obligations set forth by the court in accordance with Local Rule 26.1 (b)(1)(a-d) [sic].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiff filed his Motion on June 6, 2006. The Motion makes reference to supporting exhibits "EXAMPLE A-F." The undersigned received a copy of the Motion through the ECF System on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The undersigned also received a Clerk's Notice through the ECF System that a document, presumably the exhibits, could not be scanned. On June 7, 2006, the undersigned received from Plaintiff a copy of the Motion with what appear to be the supporting documents. Missing from the supporting documentation was "EXAMPLE F."

Curiously, on June 8, 2006, the undersigned received four (4) pages from the Plaintiff which were mailed on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The first page consists of a handwritten note bearing a Clerk's filing stamp dated June 7, 2006 (3:15 p.m.) and the typed words "EXHIBIT (EXAMPLE F)." The note reads "Peter, Rec'd you [sic] note and went to the court to get this copy for you Rich." The second page of the document purports to be an Affidavit pursuant to L.R. 7.1 dated June 7, 2006. The remaining two (2) pages of the document are a "Memorandum of Reason" dated June 7, 2006. None of these materials were included in Plaintiff's original Motion submission; nor could they be, because they were dated June 7<sup>th</sup>. It appears that Plaintiff was attempting to belatedly comply with the form, but not the substance, of L.R. 7.1.

2. As required by the Court's Order, the Credit Union served its Rule 26(a)(1) Initial Disclosures on June 5, 2006. In his June 5, 2006 cover correspondence to Plaintiff, the undersigned indicated as follows:

Enclosed is a copy of the MBTA Employees Credit Union's Initial Disclosures. As I indicated in my April 27, 2006 correspondence, the documents to be produced consist of about five to six inches of paper. I note that several inches of these documents consist of account statements which may, or may not, interest you. In any event, please advise me as to your preference with respect to the Credit Union's documents. If you would like to do so, then you may review the documents at my office, at a mutually convenient time, during normal business hours (i.e., 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), and identify those documents, if any, that you would like to have copied. Subsequently, we will arrange to have the documents copied, at your expense, and I will either mail them to you or you can pick them up. Alternatively, I will arrange to have the Credit Union's documents copied by an outside copy service, at your expense.

- 3. On June 6, 2006, the undersigned counsel received from Plaintiff a letter dated June 3, 2006 wherein Mr. Livingston requested a copy of the documents produced pursuant to the Credit Union's Initial Disclosures. The documents were delivered to an outside copy service on June 6, 2006 and mailed to Plaintiff by Priority Mail on June 7, 2006.
- 4. Plaintiff's motion is baseless. The Credit Union served its Initial Disclosures as required.
- 5. Plaintiff's Motion should also be denied pursuant to L.R. 7.1(A)(2). Plaintiff filed the Motion without attempting to confer with counsel as required. The document purporting to be a L.R. 7.1 Affidavit was filed on June 7, 2006, after Plaintiff filed the Motion, and implies a communication with the undersigned that had not transpired either before he filed the Motion or before he filed the Affidavit. In fact, Plaintiff called the undersigned at 5:47 p.m. on June 7<sup>th</sup>, after having filed the Affidavit. The telephone conversation lasted for approximately three (3) minutes during which the undersigned informed Plaintiff that the Initial Disclosures had been

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served, as required, on June 5, 2006.<sup>2</sup> Plaintiff informed the undersigned that he was receiving another telephone call and hung up. In any event, the Motion should be denied because Plaintiff would have been aware that the Credit Union had served its Initial Disclosures in a timely manner if he had complied with L.R. 7.1(A)(2) and conferred with counsel to resolve the issue.

6. The Court should deny Plaintiff's Motion and enter an Order requiring that Richard Livingston pay the legal fees and costs associated with responding to the Motion which was filed for an improper purpose and to improperly increase the cost of litigation. See Fed R. Civ. P. 11(c)(1)(B).

WHEREFORE, the MBTA Employees Credit Union requests that this Honorable Court:

- 1. Deny Plaintiff's Motion for Sanction;
- 2. Enter an Order that the Plaintiff pay the legal fees and costs associated with the Credit Union's response to Plaintiff's Motion for Sanction; and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> During the brief June 7, 2006 telephone conversation, Plaintiff acknowledged receiving the Credit Union's Initial Disclosures earlier that day. However, Plaintiff advised the undersigned that the Credit Union had not served its Initial Disclosures in a timely manner because Plaintiff had not received the Initial Disclosures until June 7th. Apparently, Plaintiff is unfamiliar with the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. and L.R. 5(b)(2)(B).

3. Such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate and just.

MBTA EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, by its attorneys,

/s/ Peter C. Netburn

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Dated: June 9, 2006

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that this document filed through the ECF System will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) and paper copies will be sent to those indicated as non registered participants on June 9, 2006.

/s/ Peter C. Netburn
Peter C. Netburn

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MR RICHARD LIVINGSTON 149 WARREN AVENUE MILTON MA 02186-2009 265 FRANKLIN STREET, SEVENTH FLOOR ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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## **EXHIBIT B**

From: "Peter C. Netburn" <pnetburn@HNSO.ORG>

To: <richard.livingston@comcast.net>

Cc: <KLKLAWFIRM@aol.com>

Subject: Livingston v. MBTA Employees Credit Union

Date: Tue, 6 Jun 2006 20:43:53 +0000

#### Mr Livingston

I received from the Court today your motion entitled "Motion for Sanction L.R. 1.3." I did not receive the Exhibits to the Motion. I attempted to contact you to discuss your motion, but you did not answer the telephone and you did not have an answering machine. I note that you did not certify, nor could you, that you have conferred with me and attempted in good faith to resolve or narrow the issue pursuant to L.R. 7.1. In any event, I assume that you received in today's mail the Credit Union's Initial Disclosures which were served, as required, on June 5, 2006. I also received in today's mail your June 3, 2006 correspondence wherein you request that I forward to you a copy of the documents that the Credit Union is producing. These documents were sent to a copy service today and I anticipate that they will be sent to you on June 7th, or June 8th at the latest, along with an invoice for the photocopying charges. I did not arrange to have a copy of the Credit Union's liability policy/bond copied because you have not indicated whether you wish a copy of this document. Please let me know if you would like to look at this document in my office or if you would like a copy. The Credit Union has served its Initial Disclosures as required and as such, your motion is baseless. Please advise me immediately as to whether you intend to withdraw your Motion for Sanction. If you do not do so, then I will seek appropriate sanctions, including attorneys' fees, based upon you inappropriate filling and the costs incurred by the Credit Union as a result thereof.

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# EXHIBIT C

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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**DOCKET NUMBER 1:05-CV-11349-RCL** 

------RICHARD LIVINGSTON PLAINTIFF, PRO SE, Plaintiff, Pro Se **AMENDED MOTION** Vs. for M.B.T.A. Employee's Credit Union\* **SANCTIONS** Defendant

> The Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston, asks Honorable Judge Reginald C. Lindsay to accept Amended Motion for Sanction because, Pro Se Plaintiff inadvertently did not attach Exhibit (EXAMPLE - F 1, 2,) Affidavit and Memorandum of Reason (supporting Motion) as required by Local Rule R. 7.1, Motion Practice.

Pursuant to Local Rule 1.3 Sanctions, Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston asks Honorable Reginald C. Lindsay's in accordance with Local Rule 1.3 Sanctions, to impose sanctions to compel or those deemed appropriate by the Court on the Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union for the following reasons:

- 1. The Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union has failed to comply with the directive and obligation set forth by the court in accordance with Local Rule 26.1(b)(1)(a-d).
- 2. the balance of powers is inequitable Plaintiff. Richard Livingston is a Pro Se litigant.
- 3. the Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston has fulfilled his obligation to the Defendant MBTA Employees Credit Union in accordance to Local Rule 26.1(b)(1)(a-d).

In support of this Motion Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston offers the attached Exhibits (EXAMPLE A-F)

Wherefore, The Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston asks the honorable Court to intercede in order that the Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston might have the opportunity to present his case fairly and without obstruction from Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union.

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Attached: Certificate of Service

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Richard Livingston, Plaintiff, Pro Se hereby swear and affirm that I have this day notified Peter C. Netburn, Esq. of Hermes, Netburn, O'Connor & Spearing, P.C. 265 Franklin Street, Seventh Floor Boston, MA 02110-3113 legal representative for MBTA Employees Credit Union, Defendant {MBTA Employees Credit Union, South Boston, Massachusetts} by United/States Postal Service Hermes, Netburn, O'Connor & Spearing, P.C. 265 Franklin Street, Seventh Floor Boston, MA

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Attachments: Supporting Doc. to Motion

Plaintiff's

Memorandum of Reason

L.R. 7.1,(b)(1)

Plaintiff's

**Affidavit** 

L.R. 7.1,(a)(2)

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U.S. DISTRICT COURS DISTRICT OF MASS. **EXHIBIT (EXAMPLE F)** 

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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RICHARD LIVINGSTON	*	<b>AFFIDAVIT</b>
Plaintiff, Pro Se	*	L.R 7.1, Motions
Vs.	*	
MBTA Employees Credit Union	*	
Defendants	*	
*********	***	

I, Richard Livingston, Plaintiff, Pro Se, on this day of June 7, 2006, state and claim that I have made good faith effort, a prerequisite of the Court, to resolve the fact that the Defendant did not exchange Disclosure timely. The Defendant requested and received an extension of time to June 5, 2005, in spite of the fact that the court allowed generous time for Disclosure, the Defendant has violated the timeliness.

Date VIMO 7 AMG

Richard Livingston, Plaintiff, Pro Se

Notary Publics

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

My Commission Expires:

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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DOCKET NUMBER 05-CV-11349-RCL

RICHARD LIVINGSTON \*
Plaintiff, Pro Se \*
Vs. \*
MBTA Employees Credit Union \*
Defendants \*

of
REASON
Local Rule 7.1, Motion Practice

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In accordance with Local Rule, 7.1(a)(2), Motion Practice:

"No motion shall be filed unless counsel certify that they have conferred and have attempted in good faith to resolve or narrow the issue."

Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston, has given written notification to the Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union, that the Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Unions, lack of cooperation leaves the Plaintiff with no alternative but to seek the Courts assistance. The Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston, received no response from the Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union, nor has the Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union, to this date, June 7, 2006, exchanged Disclosure, in any form.

At this time, in spite of the fact that the Court has allowed an extension of time from May 11, 2006 to June 5, 2006, the Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston has received nothing, no exchange of any form of Disclosure. The Defendant, MBTA Employees Credit Union is not "acting in good faith to resolve the issue". The Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston attaches certification in support of the fact that he has "attempted in good faith to resolve the issue." L.R 7.1(a)(2) See Plaintiff's Certified Affidavit

As a matter of justice, public policy; imbalance of powers; and considering the parties resources, the Plaintiff, Pro Se, Richard Livingston's, Motion for Sanctions should

be allowed to be filed with the Court.

Richard Livingston, Plaintiff, Pro Se

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Attachments: Supporting Doc. to Motion

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June 7, 2006

#### BY USPS PRIORITY MAIL

Mr. Richard Livingston 149 Warren Avenue Milton, MA 02186-2009

RE:

Richard Livingston v. MBTA Employees Credit Union

Civil Action No.: 05-CV-11349-RCL (U.S.D.C. Mass.)

Dear Mr. Livingston:

As requested, enclosed is a copy of the documents produced in connection with the MBTA Employees Credit Union's Initial Disclosures. In addition, enclosed is a copy of the Invoice from IKON Office Solutions with respect to this copy job. Please forward to me a check, in the amount of \$289.01 (\$276.21 for copying and \$12.80 for postage), made payable to "Hermes, Netburn, O'Connor & Spearing, P.C." As indicated in my June 6, 2006 electronic mail to you, I did not arrange to have a copy of the Credit Union's liability policy/bond copied because you have not indicated whether you wish a copy of this document. Please let me know if you would like to look at this document in my office, or if you would like a copy at your expense, or neither.

If you have any question, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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May 9, 2006

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RE:

Richard Livingston v. MBTA Employees Credit Union Civil Action No.: 05-CV-11349-RCL (U.S.D.C. Mass.)

Dear Richard:

I acknowledge receipt of your May 8, 2006 filing correspondence with accompanying "Plaintiff's First Request for Production of Documents." By serving this Request, I assume that you understood neither the phasing proposal that I made to the Court in connection with the April 26, 2006 Scheduling Conference nor the Court's adoption of that proposal and Order.

The Court ordered that the parties exchange Initial Disclosures by June 5, 2006. Such Disclosures include the documents to be produced pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(B)-(C). I addressed this issue in my April 27, 2006 correspondence which, according to your recent electronic mail, you did not receive until Friday, May 5, 2006. I expect to serve the Credit Union's disclosures as required, and to make available those documents that the Credit Union is required to produce pursuant to the above-referenced Rule, on or before June 5, 2006. You must make such Disclosures and production on or before June 5, 2006 as well. As indicated previously, the Credit Union would like a copy of all documents that you are required to produce.

Your Request for Production is inappropriate at this time for at least two reasons. First, Fed. R. 26.2 provides, in applicable part, that "unless otherwise ordered by such a judicial officer, before a party may initiate discovery, that party must provide to the other parties disclosure of the information and materials called for by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)." To date, you have not made your disclosures. More importantly, however, District Judge Lindsay agreed to the Credit Union's proposal that the parties would not be permitted to engage in additional discovery (i.e., discovery beyond the Rule 26(a)(1) Initial Disclosures) until further order of the

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Court. Specifically, the Court set a dispositive motion briefing schedule and District Judge Lindsay indicated that he would hold a second Scheduling Conference, if and when such Conference were necessary, after he acted upon the Credit Union's dispositive motion.

In light of the foregoing, the Credit Union will not respond to your Request for Production. The Credit Union will, however, serve its Initial Disclosures as required and I expect that you will do so as well. Please respond to the issues raised in my April 27, 2006 letter to you.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Gary J. Kravetz, Esquire (with copy of 5/8/06 Livingston letter and accompanying Request for Production)

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May 16, 2006

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RE: Richard Livingston v. MBTA Employees Credit Union

Civil Action No.: 05-CV-11349-RCL (U.S.D.C. Mass.)

Dear Mr. Livingston:

I acknowledge receipt of your May 12, 2006 correspondence with accompanying document entitled "DISCOVERY Plaintiff's Second Request for Production of Documents." With respect to this discovery request, I refer you to my May 9, 2006 correspondence and in particular, the third paragraph thereof. Once again, you are attempting to engage in discovery beyond the Initial Disclosures. District Judge Lindsay agreed to the Credit Union's proposal that the parties would not be permitted to engage in discovery beyond the Rule 26(a)(1) Initial Disclosures until further Order of the Court. Accordingly, the Credit Union will not respond to your Second Request for Production. District Judge Lindsay ordered that the parties exchange the documents produced as part of their Rule 26(a)(1) Initial Disclosures on or before June 5, 2006. Rule 26(a)(1) is quite specific as to which documents must be produced. Your so-called First and Second Request for Productions are separate and different from the Rule 26(a)(1) Disclosures. Rather, these documents are Rule 34 Requests which are premature given District Judge Lindsay's ruling.

The third paragraph of your May 12, 2006 indicates that: "[y]ou continually make reference in your communications that I am not cooperating which is patently false and unbecoming your profession." I reread my May 9, 2006 letter to you and I see no reference to an accusation that you are not cooperating. Moreover, your reference to statements contained in my May 9<sup>th</sup> letter to you as being inconsistent with your attempted filings on May 9<sup>th</sup> are misplaced. I did not receive the documents that you attempted to file on May 9<sup>th</sup> until May 10<sup>th</sup>. Obviously, your May 9<sup>th</sup> mailing to me crossed in the mail with my May 9<sup>th</sup> correspondence to you.

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With respect to the documents listed in the second paragraph of your May 12, 2006 letter, along with the statements set forth in the fourth and fifth paragraphs of that correspondence, I refer you to my May 15, 2006 letter to you, which I trust is self-explanatory.

Finally, please refrain from engaging in ad hominem attacks on my professionalism. While I understand that you are not a member of either the Massachusetts or the U.S. District Court Bars, you are expected to conduct yourself in a civil and courteous manner. Your lack of familiarity with the applicable Rules and procedures, and your frustration as a result thereof, do not justify your caustic comments.

Very truly yours,

Peter C. Netburn

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cc: Gary J. Kravetz, Esquire (with copy of 5/12/06 Livingston letter and Plaintiff's Second Request)

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